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CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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GUIDELINES FOR HERITAGE SITES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to formalise new guidelines for heritage sites;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the views of the State Governments have been ascertained with regard to the inclusion of the various sites located in their respective jurisdiction; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S.JAIPAL REDDY)

(a)&(b) No, Sir. However, monuments/sites which are of historical, archaeological or artistic importance and which have been in existence for not less than 100 years are protected as monuments of national importance by the Central Government under the relevant provision of the Ancient Monuments, Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958. For containing illegal mining/unauthorized construction in the prohibited/regulated area of the monuments of national importance, some basic guidelines have been formulated by an expert committee of the Archaeological Survey of India, and a notification to that effect has been issued in June, 1992.

(c)&(d) The protection of the monuments of national importance is made in accordance with the provisions of Ancient Monuments, Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958. Under the prescribed procedure, the objections/views of all interested parties including the State Government are considered before notifying various sites/monuments as national monuments under the act.